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THINGS INTERESTING TO THE DEAF

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## EDUCATED DEAF FAVOR SIGNS

### WHY THE ORAL LAW SHOULD BE REPEALED.

The following was sent to several Nebraska papers for publication:

"In 1911 the Nebraska legislature passed a law requiring that the Oral Method shall be used in the State School for the Deaf at Omaha" to the exclusion of the deaf alphabet and the sign language." The present superintendent has declared in writing his intention to convert the school into an oral school and to abolish the use of the sign language.

This law should be repealed. Why?

Before the law was passed parents could go to the superintendent and say: "We want our children educated by the oral method."

The superintendent would reply: "Very well, if your child shows aptitude for it, we will teach him by the oral method."

And they did. Many children were taught by the oral method and at the same time given a good general education.

Other parents, who had become wise to the fact that the oral method is not all that its advocates claim, would say: "While we want our children to learn to speak if they can, we do not want you to waste too much time on speech; we rather want you to give them a good general education so they will be able to make their way in the world when it comes to earning their bread and butter."

The superintendent says: "Certainly, that is the policy we follow when parents leave it to our judgment."

Since the law was passed the same parents make the same request as before. To the former the superintendent says: "Most assuredly we will teach your children by the oral method." To the latter he says: "No, we must teach your child by the oral method. The law requires it."

The repeal of the law would not prevent the use of the oral method to the fullest extent desired by the parents and the authorities of the school. It would simply allow parents to choose the method, guided by the advice and experience of the superintendent. Under the present law, parents who do not want the oral method have no alternative.

The law should be repealed. Could anything be plainer?

Mr. Babcock, President Nebraska Parents' Association to Promote the Oral Education of the Deaf, says that 100 parents are members of his association. Presumably this represents the full strength of the oralists. How about the other 150 or more parents? Do they want the Combined System? Some of them have written me that they were asked to join Mr. Babcock's association, but refused.

OLOF HANSON,

Pres. Nat. Ass'n. of the Deaf.  
Seattle, Jan. 25, 1913.

### THE NEBRASKA FIGHT.

The Nebraska fight is in full swing.

Preliminary skirmishes have appeared in Nebraska dailies.

Mr. Axling has a petition signed by two thousand deaf ready for presentation to the legislature.

Lyman M. Hunt has gone to Lincoln to direct the fight in person.

A twelve-page pamphlet entitled "Methods of Educating the Deaf and Opinions About the Sign Language by Educators of the Deaf, by Orally Educated Deaf, and Others Competent to Speak on the Subject," has been issued and is being distributed. It is issued as Circular of Information No. 9.

Circular No. 10, entitled "Opinions About the Nebraska Law," is just off the press, and being distributed.

Bills to repeal or amend the present law have been prepared and placed in the hands of members of the legislature.

The N. A. D. will put up the best fight it can with the means at its disposal.

The oralists have a strong lobby at Lincoln.

It will be a fair fight; no quarters asked; none given.

### TAKE HOLD AND HELP!

We should like to see the deaf and friends of the deaf everywhere take hold and help in the Nebraska fight. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Axling are giving a great deal of time to the work—time they can ill afford to spare. They are doing the best they can with the limited amount of money at their command. With plenty of cash at hand they would make things hum in the Middle West State. Give a lift if your finances permit.

### A TEACHER SPEAKS.

Gallaudet School for the Deaf.

St. Louis, Jan. 16, 1913.

Editor The Observer:

To amend the Nebraska oral law so as to permit the use of the sign language at services and lectures, while excluding it from the school room will never do.

There should be no legal restrictions whatever against the use of the sign language.

If there must be legislation concerning methods of instruction to be used in public schools for the deaf, it should require, along with the usual qualifications for teachers, a proficiency in the use of manual spelling and at least a fair command of the sign language of all who would teach the deaf. Teachers thus qualified can better promote the education of the deaf than they could do if not versed in manual spelling and the sign language.

Some well-meaning friends of the deaf have attempted a sort of compromise by excluding signs from the class-room, while permitting their use in the chapel. This concession has failed either to benefit the deaf or placate the oralists. If anything it has made the oralists more aggressive. Just now they are trying to have the Nebraska oral law made more definite and exclusive.

In seeking to have their method forced upon the deaf by legislative enactment the oralists confess their inability to get it generally adopted in the public schools on its professional merits.

The combined system gives the deaf all that the oral method offers and much more. Were it otherwise, the deaf themselves would be the first to see and appreciate that fact.

The educated deaf are best qualified to pass upon whatever makes for their own welfare and happiness. Their answer to the unwarranted claims of oralism everywhere is one solid, unyielding, front of opposition. Whether there is a real need for an oral law in Nebraska, or elsewhere, the deaf can be depended upon to ask for it.

JAMES H. CLOUD,

Principal.

**CLEVELAND CONVENTION, AUG. 20-27, 1913.**

Lakewood, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1912.

I move that the Tenth Convention of the National Association of the Deaf be held in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, from Aug. 20th to 27th 1913, Wednesday to Wednesday inclusive.

B. R. ALLABOUGH,  
Member Ex. Com.

Seconded by J. O. Reichle, member Ex. Com.

On the above motion my vote is

To be mailed Jan. 1, 1913.

Member Ex. Com.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20, 1912.

Mr. Olof Hanson, Pres. N. A. D.:

I hereby withdraw my motion as to the date of the next convention in favor of Mr. Allabough's for dates Aug. 20 to 27.

JOHN O. REICHLE.

Mr. Allabough's motion being the only one before the Ex. Committee, the vote on it was as follows:

Yeas: Fox, Freeman, Drake, Roberts, Reichle, Gibson, Rothert, Allabough.

Noes: None.

Mr. Allabough's motion is adopted.

**CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS.**

The proceedings of the Colorado convention may be obtained by members of the Association upon sending 15 cents to Mrs. O. H. Regensburg, Box 23, Los Angeles, Cal. To non-members, the price is 75 cents, to be sent to same address.

**COMMITTEE ON LAWS.**

Jay C. Howard, chairman; Arthur L. Roberts, and Olof Hanson are hereby appointed a Committee on Laws. The purpose of this committee is to consider and recommend to the next convention amendments and changes in the laws of the Association.

**WISCONSIN ASKS HELP FROM THE N. A. D.**

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature to abolish the Delavan School for the Deaf.

The National Association of the Deaf has been asked to help defeat the bill.

A number of years ago a similar attempt was made to abolish the school, and the N. A. D., through its Committee on Literature, rendered material assistance in preventing the attempt.

Let us see: How many Wisconsin deaf are members of the N. A. D.? Stand up and be counted!

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nual dues 50 cents. You are under no further obligations. Send a dollar to S. M. Freeman, treasurer, Cave Spring, Ga.

OLOF HANSON,  
4747 16th Ave. N. E.  
Seattle, Jan. 20, 1913.



SIDNEY G. RAISON.

This gentleman was born in Devonport, England. He attended school at Exeter, England, and came to Canada in 1906, then to Spokane, Wash., in 1911.

He is employed by the Eastern Outfitting Company. His employers consider him an excellent tailor.

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**TACOMA.**

Mrs. Hammond's mother, Mrs. Duncanson, is visiting in Nebraska. She left here just before Xmas, intending

to spend several months in Nebraska but finds the rigors of the climate too severe, so she will return to Tacoma early in February.

Rev. Fedder preached as usual at the Lutheran church, cor. So. L and 16th, Jan. 19th. He is an earnest worker in behalf of the deaf and the deaf here should make more of an effort to attend services.

Mrs. Bertram was Miss Hammond's guest Saturday and Sunday last. They had an enjoyable time traveling around in Mrs. Hammond's car, but whether it was the ride they thought of is a debatable question.

Mrs. Wade was over to Tacoma from Thursday to Monday, a week ago, the guest of Mrs. Seeley. Alas, we fear she is to be a deserter from our ranks for in calling attention to Mt. Tacoma she said: "Mt.—Mt.—Mt.," evidently at a loss how to finish it.

Talk about Greek meeting Greek! It is as nothing when Hammond proposes to meet Hammond.

For three different occasions has Mrs. Chas. Hammond killed the plumpest chicken of her flock, and prepared all the choicest fixings to go therewith, and invited Miss Alice Hammond and Mrs. Seeley to dine with them. And always has the labor been in vain! Miss Hammond has indeed made efforts to be there but through some trick of circumstances has every time failed of the goal. Mrs. Seeley has failed to receive the message each time. We fear Mr. and Mrs. H. will weary of well doing before Miss H. and Mrs. S. have the chance to eat chicken at their board.

The meeting of the Tahoma Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz, Saturday evening the 25th, was a success in every way. Mrs. Lorenz proved herself to be a charming hostess and made a favorable impression on those present. A short program, as follows, was given after the reading of the minutes by Mrs. Foster.

Current Events, Mrs. Seeley.  
Story, Mr. Hammond.  
Story, Mrs. Bertram.

After which the critic of the evening, Mrs. Hammond, did her duty and Mr. Hammond's story, which was ended it well, being especially severe on Mrs. S. for laughing too much over Mr. Hammond's story, which was entitled, "Adam Good, Shoemaker," and was as good as its title promised. A social time was then held and a game of forfeits played at which Miss Alice Hammond pronounced sentence, with disastrous results to herself as she had to pay the most difficult penalties herself. A very satisfactory supper was served shortly before the party dispersed.

The Club has one more new member—Miss A. Hammond whose name was enrolled Saturday evening.



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## ENCOURAGEMENT THAT WE LIKE

When the superintendents or ex-superintendents of schools in distant states send in subscription to The Observer it's pretty good evidence that the paper is worth having. It makes us feel that we are doing a good work.

## THE SPOKANE RACE.

The Spokane side, led by Mr. Slightam, is in the lead so far, having sent us four dollars for subscriptions since our last issue. We understand Mr. O'Leary has some good hustlers among his force and his side may forge to the front any time. We shall keep our eyes on Spokane.

## DON'T DO IT!

One of the most provoking things is to see deaf with a limited command of English try to show off with large words. The result is usually a hopeless muddle.

There are many deaf who can use correct language as long as they confine themselves to simple sentences, but when they try to work in large words and make a show, they do make a show, but one not to their credit.

We have received letters from deaf of national prominence who have made themselves ridiculous by this same fault.

Don't do it, unless you are sure you know how. Stick to simple words and sentences and leave the skilled construction of words and sentences to those who do it correctly.

## BOOSTER MEETING.

An explanation of the progress of the Nebraska oral fight occupied the attention of the Boosters at their last meeting at the Hanson residence. The petitions sent out by Mr. Axling had brought in the gratifying sum of \$170 and added about 100 new members to the N. A. D. rolls.

The matter is now reaching a critical stage, as the Nebraska legislature is in session. Every friend of the combined system in and near Lincoln, Neb., has been enlisted, and Lyman Hunt has been employed to see that the matter is pushed to the fullest extent. Among those who are voluntarily helping as much as is in their power is Rev. Allenbach. Another prominent person, who is not taking an active part, but is convinced of the merits of the combined system and believes the present oral law should be repealed, is the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Hanson said he had received a letter from the Wisconsin State Association, asking if the N. A. D. could extend any aid in a probable effort that would be made there to abolish the State School for the Deaf and thus throw the education of the deaf into the hands of the oralists, as naturally the oral day schools would be the only place open for them. Wisconsin has no members enrolled in the N. A. D.

Mr. Partridge spoke upon the need of a campaign of education through the papers, that the deaf and their needs in the educational line might be better understood by the public.

Mr. Wright agreed with him that a better understanding was needed, but thought the proper course would be for the N. A. D. to collect reliable statistics and data, opinions from prominent educators of the deaf, and a comparison of results under the combined and oral systems. Such a report would be a valuable reference book and would have a place in every library of persons of influence engaged in educational work.

After adjournment a social time was enjoyed by those present, whist and "500" being played, and refreshments served by Mrs. Hanson.

A. W. WRIGHT.

## FAVOR SEVEN-FOOT SHEET LAW.

Carl Garrison and John Skoglund left Monday for Vancouver State School for the Deaf, where they will prepare for Gallaudet. The boys anticipate some good times at the old school. The only thing that troubles them is they are both over six feet and one inch and fear beds and bed clothes cannot be found of sufficient length.

## CATS AND RATS

Sometme ago the editor of one of our school papers told of having received an offer to become a stockholder in a "Cattery"—an opportunity which we fear he permitted to slip by unheeded. We do not know whether the promoters of the scheme presented its possibilities to him in a way that made him lessen his grip on the wad already in his possession but if they didn't and he still has a desire to sport diamonds and to ride about in automobiles and special cars the following simple prescription of how the business can be made a paying one will, perhaps, induce him to reconsider the proposition:

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To skin the cats you will have to employ, we are told, one hundred men, whose charge will be \$2 per fifty cats, thus reducing your net revenue to about \$9,000 a day.

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The matter of feeding the rats admits of a simple solution. They can dispose of the skinned cats. One cat will be ample for four rats. Thus it is seen that the scheme works out simply and automatically. The cats eat the rats, the rats eat the cats, and you have the skins.

Now there is no question but that the theory of facts in the case will give way to the theory of practice. What we would like to know is whether the editor who received the offer—we have forgotten just who it was—will consent to become agent for the company and help us underpaid teachers to indulge in millionarie-pipe-dreams.--Nebraska Journal.

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# LOCAL NEWS

Herman Kohn is laying plans to capture a job at the navy yard.

Erve Chambers is now located in Spokane and is getting acquainted.

Rev. Fedder will hold service for the deaf next Sunday at the Lutheran church.

Mrs. A. M. Wade has taken a position in the overall factory where Miss Hilda Peterson is employed, beginning work last Monday. She is boarding with the Wrights.

The mother of Fred Emmons died of heart trouble January 21st. She was buried at Lake View cemetery last Friday. Mr. Emmons has the sympathy of his many friends.

The Bible class last Sunday was led by Mr. Root, with the usual attendance. Miss Hammond and Mrs. Hanson gave hymns in a very creditable manner. Mr. Axling will lead the next meeting.

Albert Hole says he has no news except that he has moved, or rather the people he rooms with have moved, and taken him along. He says the new place even possesses a shower bath, so he will not be under obligations to go to Alki Point during the winter.

## MASQUERADE.

Tickets to the masquerade are going fast. A few still left. From all appearances everybody, old and young sweethearts and the young married couples will be on deck to see the fun. A large hall has been secured which will assure ample space for a large crowd. Remember the place, Carpenters' Hall, and the date, February 22, 1913. Tickets can be had from the committee.

ROY HARRIS, Chairman.  
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## MISS HAMMOND SURPRISED.

On the evening of January 17 over a dozen of Myrtle Hammond's friends walked in on her unexpectedly and helped her to celebrate her birthday. Myrtle was greatly surprised, but proved equal to the occasion, and soon had her visitors playing whist at three tables. At a late hour the refreshments which had accompanied the crowd were passed around.

## A PLEASANT AFTERNOON.

Sunday, the 19th, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright invited a number of the local deaf to their home. The event was in honor of Mrs. West, whose birthday occurred a few days previous. Some good short stories were told and refreshments served. In the early evening all returned home reporting a pleasant time and wishing Mrs. West many returns of her birthday.

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## A WEDDING.

Robert Patterson and Miss Annie McLaughlin were united in marriage yesterday morning. They will spend a few days in Tacoma and return to Seattle Saturday, when a reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents. They will reside in Seattle.

## A TAFFY PULL.

The monthly social of the P. S. A. D. was in the shape of a taffy pull, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gustin last Saturday evening. About 25 were present. Prizes were given for best efforts at candy-pulling and the first prizes were won by that sweet young couple, True Partridge and Miss Cleon Morris. The people dispersed at an early hour, having enjoyed a good time.

## NEW ELECTION.

Next week, Saturday, the P. S. A. D. will hold its annual election. True Partridge has made an excellent president, has tried to be fair to all and should have a re-election. We know no reason why Mrs. Wright should not be again chosen for vice-president. For secretary, we suggest L. O. Christenson. Roy Harris will make an ideal treasurer, while a Letter man could not be found for sergeant-at-arms than Albert Hole. There is plenty of good material to select directors from.

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## VANCOUVER, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Turrill have postponed their California trip. They will then go East to Detroit and Cleveland, returning West via California.

Mr. and Mrs. Isackson, who are skilled in poultry culture, had several enjoyable parties lately. A number of their choice fowls were served. Although on British soil, Mr. Isackson displays an American flag.

Mrs. Needham, whom the mutes of Vancouver call mother, had a pleasant social party at her home recently.

Silent Ulrich, formerly with the Vancouver hockey team, has joined the Victoria team as a regular. He has received much newspaper praise for clever playing. He scored two good goals in two over-time plays.

Mr. Schmidt of Portland and Mr. Rhiley of Seattle arrived here from Calgary, Canada, a week ago. Mr. Rhiley went on to Seattle, but Mr. Schmidt will remain here till he finds a job.

"Silent" Rowan arrived in town last week. He had been in Calgary, Alberta and Saskatchewan all summer. He is much changed in appearance but has the same color hair and crooked nose. He expects to go on to Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, former Gallaudet pupils, recently came through Portland, Seattle, and Victoria, to Vancouver, where they have a good position with Mr. Isackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson have given up keeping a boarding house as they found no profit in it. They have moved into smaller quarters.

Messrs. Whitehead and Hennesy, who are employed in King George's post office, have rented a house and installed a housekeeper in the person of Mrs. Albert Munro. They think this will be better than boarding.

Mr. and Mrs. Noseworthy, formerly of Halifax, have completed a new, cozy home. They have the latch-string out to every one.

Miss Lucy Goose, a very beautiful and charming young lady, who was educated at Halifax, N. S., is a chocolate dipper here and gets good wages.

Mr. Thomas has finished his house and is now looking for new buys. He expects to visit Seattle and Portland next summer.

Mr. "Gallaudet Alumni" Garberson is still in Vancouver. He did not receive a leap year proposal, but keeps up courage and may go to Seattle to board a boat for Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Turrill have just had the interior of their flat remodeled with paint, paper, etc. Dave is at work at inside work on

the new opera house. (Wonder if it's the same one Olof Hanson helped draw plans for?—Ed.)

Joseph George Schmidt found a job in Swift Co.'s packing house at Eburne last Monday. He is pleased and will remain till March.

"Silent" Ulrich, the Hockey of Victoria, is going to join Rossland Hockey Club at Rossland, B. C., for a week. He will leave Victoria next Monday. He has a sweetheart coming from Detroit, Mich., named Ella Estelas. Certainly she is charming and accomplished, but we can not announce the engagement. Wait!

Wait for the announcements of two races in Vancouver—one from Gallaudet and one from England. Sure!

Mrs. David Turrell is still at work and getting good wages every week. She is showing more graceful in form than she was in Seattle.

CORKEY.

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Olof Hanson, Lay-reader, in charge

## Extracts from A Circular Issued By the N. A. D.

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions on the Sign Language adopted at the Convention of the National Association of the Deaf held at Colorado Springs, Col., August, 1910.

Whereas, While we fully recognize and appreciate the value of speech to the deaf, we also recognize the difficulty and even the impossibility of acquiring it by many of the deaf;

Resolved, That we favor the best oral instruction for those deaf who can profit by it;

Resolved, That where the attempt to acquire speech results in the sacrifice of mental development, we favor the employment of such methods as will secure the highest and broadest mental development.

That is what the Combined System aims to do, and therefore we endorse the Combined System.

Whereas, Speech reading is practicable only for individual conversation, and does not enable the deaf to understand sermons, lectures, debates, and the like; and,

Whereas, The Sign Language offers the only practicable and satisfactory means by which the deaf may understand sermons and lectures, participate in debates and discussion, and enjoy mental recreation and culture;

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that all the deaf, including those taught by the oral method, should have the privilege of using the sign language while at school.

### VIEWS OF AN EXPERIENCED ORAL INSTRUCTOR.

New Brunswick School for the Deaf. St. John, N. B., June 20, 1912.

Olof Hanson, Esq.

Many thanks for the pamphlets you sent me some time ago on the subject of the vexed question as to the relative merits of the Pure Oral Method and the Combined System of teaching the deaf.

I have much pleasure in stating that I am altogether in agreement with you in the movement to educate the public as to the true facts concerning the results achieved by the Pure Oral Method, so far as the great majority of the deaf taught by that method are concerned.

I am one of the men who introduced the Pure Oral Method into Ireland a good many years ago, and for years I was a fanatical advocate of that method. But time and experience have taught me wisdom and my views are no longer what they were.

I am both a trained oral teacher

## PEACE, PERFECT PEACE

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?

The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?

To do the will of Jesus, this is rest?

Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?

On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?

In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?

Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us, and ours?

Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.

It is enough; earth's struggles soon shall cease.

And Jesus call us to heaven's perfect peace.

—Bishop E. H. Bickersteth.

and a sign or manual teacher and have had thirty-one years' experience in teaching the deaf, and I think I should know at least a little on the subject which you have so much at heart. I therefore send you an extract from my official report to the legislature of this province for the year 1909-1910 bearing upon the subject. Make what use you like of it.

Wishing you every success in your efforts, I am, my dear sir,

Very sincerely yours,

JOS. KEATING, Principal.

Extract from the official report of Principal Joseph Keating of the New Brunswick School for the Deaf to the Provincial Legislature for the year 1909-1910:

Scholastic.

The method of instruction adopted in the school is that known as the "Combined," which means a combination of all the well-known methods of teaching the deaf; and while very few of the pupils attending the school are found capable of being taught intelligible articulation and effective lip-reading, there are none possessing that degree of hearing which would warrant their being taught aurally.

We employ the method indicated for these reasons:

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